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MOUNT PROSPECT VILLAGE news

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2020

28th Annual Celestial Celebration

From businesses to organizations to ordinary people, there are plenty of wonderful gems in Mount Prospect that make it a great community in which to live and work. The 28th Annual Celestial Celebration, celebrating this year's Shining Stars, will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at Cotillion Banquets, 360 South Creekside Drive in Palatine. A Shining Star is an individual or



^ Mount Prospect Celebration

SATURDAY | FEBRUARY 1
THE COTILLION BANQUETS

This tradition started when the Village celebrated its 75th Anniversary. Following that event, a group of citizens approached the Village leadership encouraging them to continue the event on an annual basis. Thus, under the leadership of Mayor Gerald Skip Farley, the Special Events Commission was formed, charged with coordinating social events that would bring Village residents



organization that helps to make our community a great place in which to live and work.

The entire community is invited and encouraged to attend. The cost of the evening is \$65 per person, before January 20th and \$75 after. The price includes an open bar, dinner, dancing to the sounds of Orchestra 33, a taco bar and more. It is truly a heartwarming evening with videos paying tribute to the award winners.

"The Shining Stars Gala is always a great event and a wonderful way to celebrate those who give so much to our community."

HOWARD KLEINSTEIN
Director of Communications | Village of Mount Prospect

together in enjoyable settings. It has been going strong ever since.

Join the celebration! Online reservations are now available on the Village website, go to mountprospect.org and click on the Shining Stars logo in the lower left hand corner. For more information, call 847.392.6000.

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Community Events

JANUARY
2

Conversations in English
Thursday | January 2 & 16
11:30am – 1pm
Thursday | January 9 & 23
5:30 – 7pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 West Algonquin Road



If you are learning English, come practice your conversational skills in a friendly group setting with native English speakers. Hot tea will be served. This program is available for Mount Prospect or Elk Grove Township residents. For more information or to register call 847.506.4930.

JANUARY
3

Ageless Grace
Friday | January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 | 1:30pm
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
50 South Emerson Street
The Village Nurse's free seated exercise program with music that works the body and mind.



JANUARY
4

Mt. Prospect Park District Summer Job Fair
Saturday | January 4
11am – 1pm
RECPLX
420 West Dempster Street
Get a jump start on looking for a summer job and be a part of the Mt. Prospect Park District team. Learn about a variety of part-time and seasonal positions that suit every schedule and meet with Mount Prospect Park District managers. Learn more at mppd.org.



JANUARY
6

Health Screenings
Monday | January 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 9 – 11am
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
50 South Emerson Street
The Village Nurse welcomes residents for free blood pressure checks, \$1 diabetic screening and \$4 total cholesterol blood tests every Monday morning.



JANUARY
7



Play and Learn
Tuesdays | January 7, 14, 21 & 28
11:30am – 12:30pm
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CENTER
1711 West Algonquin Road
Parents bring your toddlers

and preschool-age children to listen to books, dance to music, and enjoy making fun crafts. To learn more, call 847.506.4930.

JANUARY
7



Understanding Human Trafficking
Tuesday | January 7
11am – Noon
VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM
50 South Emerson Street

As part of Human Trafficking Awareness Month, the Human Services Department welcomes Carrie Landau, special agent with the FBI to discuss this growing social concern. Check for details at facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.

JANUARY
8



Color by the Month
Wednesday | January 8
11:30am
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
95 West Algonquin Road
Des Plaines

The Garden Club of Mount Prospect welcomes Joe Smolecki for a discussion on perennial plants that will provide colorful blooms in our gardens from March to October and shares ideas on how to extend our gardening season. Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour and meeting at 12:15pm and the program at 1pm. Guests are always welcome. Visit gcmp.weebly.com for more information.

JANUARY
9



Dynamic Year Luncheon
Thursday | January 9
11:30am – 1pm
VICTORIA IN THE PARK
1700 Elmhurst Road

Join fellow business and community leaders to kick off another dynamic year! This event is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. Tickets are \$30 per person. Please RSVP to meghan@mountprospectchamber.org by January 6, 2020. Contact meghan@mountprospectchamber.org for more details, registration and payment.

JANUARY
12



Second Sunday at the Society
Sunday | January 12
11:30am – 1:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
101/103 S. Maple Street
Stop by the Dietrich

Friedrichs House and meet the Friedrichs, the first owners of the home. Costumed interpreters portraying Dietrich, Lena and daughter Bessie, will guide you through the house and tell you what their lives were like in the early 1900s. All ages welcome.

JANUARY
14



Richard III
Tuesday | January 14 | 7pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street
The Mount Prospect Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project of Chicago back to Mount Prospect with *Richard III*. Following the play will be a post-show discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team, which will further enrich your experience. To register, visit mppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

JANUARY
18/19



Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale
Saturday | January 18
9am – 4pm
Sunday | January 19
Noon – 4pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street

Stock up on great books at bargain prices during the Friends of the Library's Used Book Sale. Friends members have first pick at the Members Only Night, January 17 from 6:30 – 9:30pm. Funds raised through the sale will help the Friends support additional Library programs, events, and services. For more information, call 847.253.5675.

JANUARY
28



Preschool/Child Care Information Night
Tuesday | January 28
7:30 – 9pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY
10 South Emerson Street

This annual open house is your chance to learn about the more than 20 preschools

and child care centers in Mount Prospect. You can speak with teachers and directors about their services. No registration is necessary. For more information, visit mppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

FEBRUARY
1

The Shining Stars Gala 2020
Saturday | February 1 | 6pm
THE COTILLION BANQUETS
360 S. Creekside Drive

It's that time of year when the Mount Prospect Special Events Commission celebrates individuals and organizations that help



make our community a great place in which to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away to Orchestra 33 Band. Tickets are \$65 before January 20 and \$75 after January 20. Ticket sales end on January 30.

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FEBRUARY
6



50's Plus Breakfast Hour
Thursday | February 6
9 – 10am
VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
50 South Emerson Street
Residents 50 and over are invited to join your Village team and the

Chamber of Commerce to learn and have fun. For more info call 847.870.5680.

FEBRUARY 6 **Conversations in English**
 Thursday | February 6 & 20
 11:30am – 1pm
 Thursday | February 13 & 27 | 5:30 – 7pm
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FEBRUARY 8 **Pedal with a Purpose**
 Saturday | February 8
 8am – Noon
RECPLEX



420 West Dempster Street
 Start February with fitness and philanthropy at the MPPD's Spin-a-Thon for

Lemons of Love. Friends, neighbors, families, team parents, or co-workers are encouraged to ride a spin bike for an hour to make a difference in the community. Don't want to ride? Come out to cheer on the participants or make a donation. Raffles, prizes and giveaways are all part of the fun. \$20 per participant. For details or to register online visit mppd.org.

FEBRUARY 8 **Mommy and Me Valentine Tea**
 Saturday | February 8
 12:30 – 1:30 pm
ROB ROY GOLF COURSE

505 E Camp McDonald Rd
 Put your party clothes on and bring your mom, sister, and grandma to a delicious afternoon of high tea with the River Trails Park District. Tea will be served in real china and an assortment of sandwiches and goodies



will be included for everyone to enjoy. The registration deadline is February 2 or until the maximum of 60 people is reached. Admission for children ages 2 to 15 is \$11, and ages 15 and up is \$15. Register at rtpd.org.

FEBRUARY 8 **Mardi Gras Family Night**
 Saturday | February 8
 4 – 8pm
RECPLEX
 420 West Dempster Street



Celebrate Mardi Gras with open swim, Studio crafts, bounce house, 3-on-3 basketball tournament and games galore. Get up close and personal with Bubba, the 14-foot alligator and take a photo between 4:30 and 7:30 pm. Children \$6 (residents)/\$9 (non-residents). Adults free. Register online using class code 38204.

FEBRUARY 9 **Second Sunday at the Society**
 Sunday | February 9
 11:30am – 1:30pm
MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 101/103 S. Maple Street



Valentine's Day is just around the corner so join us at Central School to make a Valentine for that special someone in your life. Visit the Dietrich Friedrichs House Museum while you are there. All ages are welcome and there is no charge to participate.

FEBRUARY 12 **Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Hydrangeas**
 Wednesday | February 12
 11:30am
FRIENDSHIP PARK CONSERVATORY
 395 West Algonquin Road
 "Why don't my hydrangeas



bloom?" This presentation will answer that question and provide practical tips for choosing and caring for these shrubs. Olga DeSio is a Master Gardener and takes part in maintaining community gardens in Maywood and Des Plaines along with volunteering at the Conservatory Greenhouse. Refreshments at 11:30am, social hour and meeting at 12:15pm and the program at 1pm. Guests are always welcome. Visit gcmp.weebly.com for more information.

FEBRUARY 17 **Skate to Save History**
 Monday | February 17
 Noon – 5pm
CENTRAL COMMUNITY CENTER



1000 West Central Road
 The Mount Prospect Historical Society joins with the Mt. Prospect Park District to host a Skating Party. All proceeds go toward Historical Society programs and the overall goal of preserving our history. Admission is \$5 and inline skates are available to rent for \$5 or bring our own skates (subject to inspection by Park District staff). For more information, call 847.392.9006 or visit mphist.org.

FEBRUARY 22 **Fan Fest**
 Saturday | February 22
 10am – 4pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



10 South Emerson Street
 Geek out at the Library with a day dedicated to your favorite fandoms.

Whether you wish you lived in a galaxy far, far away, a school for witchcraft and wizardry, a world where superheroes save the day, or a Tardis, you will enjoy this family-friendly event. Participate in gaming, crafts, cosplay, virtual reality, book buzz, trivia, and more, all sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

FEBRUARY 25 **Romeo & Juliet**
 Tuesday | February 25
 7pm
MOUNT PROSPECT PUBLIC LIBRARY



10 South Emerson Street
 The Mount Prospect Library Foundation brings The Shakespeare Project

of Chicago back to Mount Prospect with their presentation of *Romeo & Juliet*. Following the play will be a post-show discussion and opportunity to interact with the actors and creative team, which will further enrich your experience. To register, visit mppl.org, call 847.253.5675, or stop by the Library.

FEBRUARY 28 **Freeze Fest**
 Friday | February 28
 5 – 8pm
THE ZONE
 550 Business Center Drive

All ages are welcome to join us for a fun-filled night of activities, games, and entertainment, including parkour activities, an arts and crafts zone, bounce houses, turf games, and giveaways to support Send a Kid to Camp. Concessions will be available for purchase. Children 16 years and under are \$5 per person. Participants must complete a Parkour Open Gym release form which can be found on the Freeze Fest Special Event Page at rtpd.org and can be filled out prior to the event.



FEBRUARY 28 **Mount Prospect Trivia Night**
 Friday | February 28
 7 – 9pm



VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM
 50 South Emerson Street

Be creative and have fun choosing your team name and theme, and decorate your table accordingly! Don't forget to bring food, snacks, and beverages. Team tables are 8 – 10 people. Sign up before January 17 for the early bird rate of \$200 per team. After January 17, the cost is \$250 per team. Call 847.398.6616 or email megan@mountprospectchamber.org for more information or to register your team. Sponsored by the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce.

FEBRUARY 29 **Five Dollar Fives**
 Sunday | February 29
 10am



MOUNT PROSPECT HISTORICAL SOCIETY CENTRAL SCHOOL
 103 South Maple Street
 We kick off a new program

to feature guest speakers during any month with 5 Saturdays. We begin with Mary Arvidson, Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution Eli Skinner Chapter. Ms. Arvidson will be on hand to tell you about the history of this organization, its mission and how you can qualify to be a member. Please contact the Mount Prospect Historical Society at 847.392.9006 to register as space is limited.

Block Grant Home Improvement Programs

The Village currently offers two home-improvement programs for residents – the Single-Family Rehabilitation Loan Program and the Home Weatherization Grant Program. Both programs are funded through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated to the Village by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Single-Family Rehabilitation Program provides an interest-free loan up to a maximum of \$25,000, which is repaid upon sale or change of title of the property. Loans can be used to correct code violations including electrical, plumbing and roof repairs, replace old equipment such as furnaces and water heaters, increase energy-efficiency and make improvements for disabled persons.

The Home Weatherization Grant Program provides a \$1,500 matching grant to be used for energy efficiency improvements. Grants can be used to install insulation, storm windows and doors, weather-stripping, energy efficient furnaces and water heaters, and other items that can help reduce home utility costs.

Applicants may choose one of the two available programs and must meet the qualifications of the program. In order to be eligible, applicants must live within the corporate limits of Mount Prospect, have owned and occupied their home for at least one year prior to applying, and meet HUD's current low-income limits. For more information about these programs, please visit the CDBG Village webpage or contact Cheryl Scherbaum at 847.818.5297 or cscherba@mountprospect.org.



Water, Sewer, Refuse and Organic/Yard Waste Cart Rates for 2020

Recommendations from the Village's comprehensive Water and Sewer Rate Study of 2017 call for a multi-year rate plan featuring a modified rate structure and a plan for annual increases from 2018 to 2025.

The study was the first comprehensive, formal analysis the Village had performed to assess the water/sewer enterprise revenue stream. The rate study presented a financial plan that phases in water and sewer main renewal funding at a pace that accommodates an average infrastructure life of 130 years by 2025. The original capacity to fund these infrastructure replacements before the rate study was approaching 600 years, far exceeding the lifespan of water or sewer mains.

Following are the rates for in-village water customers, effective for billings after January 1, 2020:

FIXED FEES

Water base fee | Increases from \$4.00/month to \$5.00/month (for service lines up to 1" meter)

Sewer base fee | No change; rate remains \$5.00/month (for service lines up to 1" meter)

Refuse cart service | No change; rate remains \$19.58/month

Optional organic cart rental: Increases from \$3.66/month to \$3.74/month

VOLUMETRIC (USAGE) FEES

Water | Increases from \$10.33 to \$11.05 per thousand gallons

Sewer | Increases from \$2.09 to \$2.31 per thousand gallons

For a listing of all water, sewer and refuse rates please visit www.mountprospect.org.

Keep Your Home Healthy this Winter

Winter brings a wide range of temperature swings, from mild to extreme, along with precipitation from misty rain to heavy snowstorms. Here are some tips to keep you, and your home, healthier this winter.

- If your home is equipped with exhaust fans that vent through the ceiling, ensure that the exhaust fan duct work is routed to the exterior of the home and not inside the attic. This will keep moisture out of your attic and reduce chances of ice dams and moisture related damage.
- Make sure that you run the fan during, and for 15 minutes after, your shower to reduce moisture. Don't forget your kitchen, too; run your kitchen exhaust fan while cooking.
- Purchase a hygrometer (humidity gauge) to measure the humidity level in your house. Recommended maximum levels of humidity in the winter is 30-40% in cold climates. Any humidity level above that may cause moisture issues in your house.
- After heavy snows and especially after several days of freezing, check your roof for ice dams or moisture issues. Ice dams typically occur after a significant snowfall followed by several days of freezing temperatures. Ice dams are caused by warm and dry air leaking from inside a home into the attic space or roof overhangs. The warm air melts the snow on the roof which then drains along the roof and freezes when it crosses a cold roof overhang creating an ice dam which may continue to increase in size as more ice accumulates. Dams can damage a roof surface or cause water leaks into the home.
- Do not try to remove snow from the roof yourself. Contact a licensed roofer to remove the snow and repair your exhaust fan ductwork so that it exhausts to the exterior of the home.

For further questions, email us at building@mountprospect.org or call 847.818.5289.

2020-2021 Vehicle Stickers

Residents should look for a renewal notice for Mount Prospect vehicle stickers in the mail during the first week of February. The deadline for displaying the stickers will be April 30, 2020. If you had a 2019-2020 vehicle sticker and do not receive a renewal application in the mail, you are still required to purchase and display a sticker by the due date. Vehicle stickers purchased after April 30 are subject to a late penalty payment. The penalty does not apply to new residents/businesses or to those who have purchased vehicles after May 1; in these situations, there is a 30-day grace period in which to purchase a sticker. Stickers may be purchased online at www.mountprospect.org/vehiclesticker or at the Finance Department in Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street. Stickers may also be purchased at the Elmhurst Road Currency Exchange, 1698 South Elmhurst Road, Suite 106 as of February 1, 2020.

The Police Department may issue citations to drivers of locally registered vehicles if a current vehicle sticker is not displayed. For more information, please call the Finance Department at 847.392.6000.



And the Award Goes to . . .

In October, the Village of Mount Prospect, Mount Prospect Economic Development Commission, and Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce hosted the 7th Annual Business Breakfast. The breakfast detailed projects underway in the Village and recognized local businesses with an EDC Award in three categories: Budding Business, Enduring Business, and Entrepreneurs of the Year.

The **Budding Business award was presented to Victoria in the Park** for their refresh and success at 1700 South Elmhurst Road. Ted Mavrakis opened Victoria in the Park in 2016 providing the community with a first-class banquet facility to celebrate special events.

Hearth & Home received the Enduring Business award, as this successful family-owned business has been operating since 1971. Their 5,000 square foot showroom offers a selection of designer hearths, stunning fireplaces, comfortable patio furniture, and high-quality BBQ grills.

For their contributions to the community, **Chokshi Filippone Law was recognized as Entrepreneurs of the Year**. Attorneys Agostino Augie Filippone and Trisha Chokshi recently began a new program series offering free legal advice during private 30-minute appointments at the Mount Prospect Public Library. Trisha also discusses difficult topics at *Community Conversations* in the Chamber office and serves as a member of the Village's Finance Committee, volunteers as a member of MP 20/30, a networking group for young professionals and serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Mount Prospect Chamber of Commerce. Augie volunteers on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Congratulations to this year's winners!

U.S. Census 2020 is Coming

As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, our nation counts its population every 10 years. Ensuring an accurate count is critical for all states and local communities. Besides determining the number of legislative seats Illinois has in Washington, the Census also has an impact on the amount of federal funds Illinois and Mount Prospect receive each year. These funds are used to support roads and public transit, schools and school districts, emergency healthcare centers, and social services programs, among many other programs.

The official Census Day is April 1, 2020. You may participate by phone, mail, or online. The online portal is available in up to 12 non-English languages. The paper questionnaire is available in up to 59 non-English languages. In mid-March, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the census. For more information on Village initiatives, Census information, or additional FAQs about questions on the form, cybersecurity and privacy, please visit: www.mountprospect.org/2020Census or call Connor Harmon, Development Planner at 847.818.5312.



November 15, 2019
HUBBY'S HOT DOGS
208 S. Main Street
Mount Prospect, IL. 60056
847.749.3878
hubbysdoghouse.com



December 3, 2019
BUONA BEEF
861 E. Rand Road
Mount Prospect, IL. 60056
buona.com



December 5, 2019
20 WEST APARTMENTS
20 West Northwest Highway
Mount Prospect, IL. 60056
224.441.7920
liveat20west.com

Stay Warm the Safe Way

If you use a space heater to warm a room, be sure to follow these important safety tips this winter.

- Select a heater approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.
- Protect children and pets by only using a space heater with a guard around the heat source.
- Always place heaters on flat, level surfaces.
- Do not use extension cords to power a space heater.
- Always follow manufacturer instructions for proper use and safety measures.
- Only use space heaters in well-ventilated areas.
- Keep a space heater at least three feet away from any objects such as curtains, clothing or furniture.



- If your space heater uses kerosene, use K-1 kerosene only. Never use gasoline, camp stove fuel or any other flammable liquid.
- Store all fuel outdoors. Never refuel the heater inside the home.
- Never leave a space heater on overnight or unattended for any length of time.
- Never place objects on the space heater to dry.

For more information, please contact the Mount Prospect Fire Prevention Bureau at 847.818.5253.

Keep Hydrants Clear

A heavy accumulation of snow can make it difficult for the Fire Department to quickly locate a fire hydrant in an emergency. You can help by ensuring any fire hydrant near your home or business is kept free from snow on all sides and that there is a clear path from the street to the hydrant.



Think Safety When Driving this Winter

Before you begin any car trips this winter, even local ones, be sure that your car is winter ready. Prior to traveling, check road and weather conditions for our area and for your destination. Pack an emergency supply kit with the following items to be prepared for extreme weather or emergency road closures.

- Blankets
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- First aid kit
- Snow brushes
- Jumper cables
- Sand or kitty litter
- Cell phone charger
- Hand-crank NOAA weather radio
- Water and high-protein snacks
- Extra mittens, scarves and hats

For more information, please visit:

www.mountprospect.org

How Do I/Learn About/Emergency Preparedness



Police Department

Pass It On in 2020

Pass It On is an education campaign from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) that encourages conversation about scams and how to prevent them. The Mount Prospect Police Department encourages residents to share what they know to protect friends and family from being victimized by a scam.

In each Village newsletter in 2020, we will cover one type of scam and some helpful information on how to avoid that scam. We then encourage you to Pass It On to others.

This month highlights Impostor Scams. In this scenario, you will receive a phone call or e-mail with a bogus message, perhaps saying you have won a prize or that a government agency needs to share information with you. It may be designed to look like it is from someone you know — your grandchild, a relative or a friend. Or maybe it's from someone you feel like you know, but you haven't met in person — perhaps a person you met online who you've been writing to.

Whatever the story, the request is the same: wire money to pay taxes or fees, or to help someone you care about. But is the person who you think it is? Is there



an emergency or a prize? Judging by the complaints to the FTC, the answer is no. The person contacting you is pretending to be someone else.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Stop. Check it out. Before you wire money to anyone, call the person, the government agency or someone else you trust.** Get the real story, then decide what to do. No government agency will ever ask you to wire money.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You may not have received one of these calls or e-mails, but chances are you know someone who has.

Find out more information on impostor scams on the FTC website at www.ftc.gov/passiton.

Get to Know Your Patrol Beat

In each Village newsletter, we share information about one of the six patrol beats that make up the Village for police response. All officers are assigned a shift and beat for the entire calendar year, so we encourage you to get to know the personnel in your area.

This month we introduce Patrol Beat 3160. Beat 3160 is found in the southeast portion of the Village and is bordered by Golf Road, Elmhurst Road, Oakton Street, Busse Road and Linneman Road. The beat Sergeant for 3160 is Sergeant Mike Meister and he can be contacted via email at: beat3160@mountprospect.org.

Online Portal for Police Communications

Residents can now access the Frontline Public Safety Solutions online portal to request overnight parking permission, request a home watch while on vacation or register their pet or bicycle with the Police Department. The online portal can be found on the Village website or by visiting: frontlinepss.com/mountprospect.

When to Call 911

Mount Prospect belongs to Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS), an intergovernmental consolidated emergency dispatch system which serves 12 different communities in the northwest suburbs with police, fire and EMS dispatch services.

In Mount Prospect, dialing 911 is not just for emergencies. Any time you need a police officer to respond to your location you should call the 911 dispatch center.

If you find yourself in any situation in which you wonder whether you should call the police, your answer should be yes! Don't hesitate or justify a reason not to call. Immediately call 911 and have an officer sent to your location. You can remain anonymous in reporting anything to 911 by simply telling the dispatcher that you wish to remain anonymous.

You can also text 911. In the *To* box, type 911, then in the message box, enter your location and hit send. Then send a second message to 911, explaining the type of help you need. You will receive an automatic response followed by another message from a dispatcher. It is important to send your location in a first text so we know where assistance is needed if we only receive one text.

Street of the Week Program

Mount Prospect police officers will concentrate their traffic enforcement efforts by implementing the *Street of the Week* program on designated roadways for one-week periods. Here are the dates and the corresponding roadways for the program in the months ahead:

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| January 6-12 Wolf Road | February 3-9 Lonquist Blvd. |
| January 13-19 Rand Road (Rt. 12) | February 10-16 Elmhurst Road/Main Street |
| January 20-26 Central Road | February 17-23 Golf Road (Rt. 58) |
| January 27-February 2 Northwest Highway | February 24-March 1 Burning Bush Lane |



Don't Throw Those Holiday Lights Away!

If you have strings of holiday lights that didn't get used this year or went out during the season, rather than throwing them out you can recycle them free of charge.

Residents can drop off unwanted holiday string lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department, 1700 West Central Road weekdays from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. The program is available all year. The Village cannot accept garland, live greens, wreaths or other non-recyclable materials. Call 847.870.5640 for more information.



Solid Waste Collection Schedule

There will be no solid waste collection on the following holidays in 2020:

NEW YEAR'S DAY	LABOR DAY
MEMORIAL DAY	THANKSGIVING DAY
INDEPENDENCE DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY

If a holiday falls on a weekday and your regularly scheduled pickup is on that day or after, your pickup will be delayed by one day. Friday pickups will be done on Saturday.

Tips for Safe Winter Driving



Winter conditions can create slick roads and limited visibility. To stay safe this winter, please consider these winter driving tips:

- Maintain a full tank of gas.
- Plan on needing additional travel time to get to your destination.
- Before driving anywhere, completely clear all snow and ice from windows and mirrors.
- Keep in mind that bridges and roads which are less utilized will freeze more quickly than main roads.
- Using high beam headlights in winter storms can cause glare and reflection, making it harder for you and other drivers to see. Please keep lights on their regular setting in winter storms.
- When roads have snow or ice, allow more space between you and the car ahead of you; pump your brakes slowly and gently to prevent skidding.
- If you are involved in a minor accident, attempt to relocate your vehicle to a safe spot before exiting the vehicle.
- Remain a safe distance behind snowplows and do not pass while they are plowing or salting.
- Of course, follow all driving laws – buckle up and turn headlights on when windshield wipers are in use.

Mailbox Repairs

If Village snow plowing operations damage your residential mailbox you may be eligible for repair or replacement under the Village's mailbox replacement policy.

Upon notification of damage, the Village will verify eligibility and provide a temporary, barricade-mounted mailbox until weather conditions allow for repairs or replacement. If the damaged mailbox is identified as beyond repair, you can choose either of two methods for replacement: 1) Replacement by the Village will include a wood post with post anchor stake and a standard black or white steel mailbox in compliance with Village Code. Residents that prefer a different style mailbox will need to install the mailbox on their own, or 2) Residents may replace their own mailbox and are eligible to receive up to \$125 in reimbursement. To be eligible, the mailbox must be installed according to specifications defined in the Village Code.

For more information contact the Public Works department at 847.870.5640 or public-worksdept@mountprospect.org.

Christmas Tree Collection

If you enjoyed a real Christmas tree in your home this year, we encourage you to donate it to our tree composting program, which begins January 6 and runs through January 17. Christmas trees will be collected by the refuse hauler at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day; no stickers are required.

Trees set out for composting must be free of lights, tinsel, ornaments, strings and wire.

Place the entire tree at the curb without trimming or cutting. Trees placed at the curb prior to January 6 or after January 17 will be collected but will not be used in the composting program.

Wreaths will also be collected at no additional cost on your regular refuse collection day but due to the metal frame are considered refuse. Please place your fresh wreath in your green refuse cart for disposal. Artificial wreaths are not recyclable and should be placed in the green refuse cart for disposal.



What's the Forecast?

Unless you are new in town you know how varied and unpredictable winter weather can be in our area. Over the years, our snowfall accumulation in winter has ranged from just under 10 inches up to 89.7 inches (almost 7 ½ feet!), with an annual average of about 36 inches.

Occasionally, northeasterly winds can bring lake-effect snow to Chicago and some suburbs. Approximately every three years we experience a heavier snowstorm that can produce more than 10 inches of snow over a 1 to 3-day period. As you travel through the area, keep in mind that conditions and snowfall totals can vary widely from one part of our area to another.

Winter temperatures can vary tremendously within the span of one week. The daily average high temperature in January at O'Hare is 31°F with the average daily low of 16.5°F. Temperatures drop to or below 0°F an average of 8 nights per year, with frequency increasing as you move further north or west of Chicago. There have been streaks of multiple winter seasons without a single subzero reading, yet there have also been winters with 20 or more nights with temperatures that frigid.

Based on 30-year averages obtained from NOAA's National Climatic Data Center for the months of December, January and February, the Chicago area ranked the sixth-coldest major U.S. city as of 2014. Meanwhile, in 2012, there were 8 days in the month of March with temperatures reaching 80°F.

Be prepared for all types of weather, sometimes in the same day, and always think spring!



Trees Need Care in Winter, Too

Although the trees have gone dormant, winter can be a good time for tree maintenance to start rejuvenating them for next year.

If you haven't already done so, try to complete a good fall clean-up, removing fallen leaves. Doing so can help reduce any inoculum left on the material that may infect the tree again next spring. Although most foliar leaf diseases are insignificant to the health of the tree, reducing its presence will benefit the tree and improve the aesthetics of the tree.

Though it is commonly done in spring, applying a layer of mulch around the base, directly under the tree will help maintain soil temperatures and reduce water loss during the winter. A 2" to 4" layer of mulch should be maintained around the tree, taking care to not pile it up to the base of the tree which can have an adverse effect.

Winter is a great time to prune; removing broken, dead, or diseased branches, and those with poor attachments, can benefit the overall health of the tree. Use caution when trimming trees to avoid removing live limbs or more than 25% of the crown.

We always recommend contacting a certified arborist before performing any significant tree work. Improper pruning can cause problems in the future.

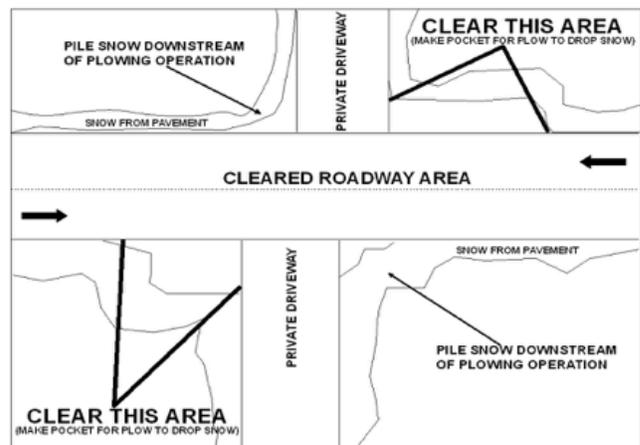
Finally, watering can play an important part in the health of a tree making it through the winter. Trees can benefit from water up to the point that the ground is frozen. Making sure the root zone has adequate water will benefit the tree as it awaits the spring rains.



Shovel Safely

Whether there is a dusting or a heavy accumulation of snow, please remember that it is hazardous to shovel, plow or blow snow onto any public street or roadway. All shoveled, plowed, or blown snow should be piled in your yard or parkway, keeping sidewalks free from of snow as well.

As you clear your driveway, push snow away from the driveway opening, in the direction that traffic moves. Clear a pocket of snow on the opposite side of your driveway; this will create a space for snow to accumulate when village plows clear the street.



Thank You for Caring and Sharing

This past Holiday season, the Holiday Meal Basket program once again assisted local families in need. The generosity of Village residents, employees, local businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations helps to sustain this program each year. The Human Services Department also provides monthly food assistance throughout the year to eligible residents through our food pantry. Donations are accepted at the Human Services Department Monday – Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who made donations throughout 2019.

Make Your Appointments for Upcoming Senior Programs

Senior citizens in Mount Prospect are encouraged to make appointments to participate in these upcoming programs.

- **Real Estate Senior Exemptions and Tax Freeze Applications.** Seniors applying for Tax Freeze must be 65 years old and will need to provide 2019 income records.
- **AARP income tax appointments are being scheduled for residents 50 and above who cannot afford a tax preparation service.** Tax preparers are trained to complete standard forms; individuals with very complicated tax situations are advised to seek the services of a professional preparer.
- **State of Illinois Benefits Access Program License Plate Discount, Seniors Ride Free and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free benefits.** Certificate is good for two years from approval date. If you applied for the Benefits Access Program in 2018, you will need to re-apply this year. Please apply ninety days before the license sticker is due to expire.



Stay Informed with Our Senior Newsletter

The Human Services Department publishes a monthly newsletter for seniors which includes news and information on topics such as upcoming community events, local groups for socialization and a variety of activities and resources. The newsletter can be picked up in the Farley Community Room or the Human Services Department at Village Hall, or you may view it on the Village website at www.mountprospect.org/humanservices/seniorsentinelnewsletter.

For more information, call the Human Services Department at 847.870.5680.



Human Trafficking

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and February is National Cancer Prevention Awareness Month. Join us for a Human Trafficking presentation by Carrie Landau, special agent with the FBI on January 7 from 11:00 am to noon in the Village Board Room.



Community Connections Center

There is always a lot happening at the Community Connections Center. Follow the Community Connections Facebook page for information and resources about these and other topics by Liking us at: www.facebook.com/communityconnectionscenter.



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Hours

Monday-Friday 11am - 7:30pm
Friday prior to the 2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm
2nd Saturday of each month 11am-3pm



Shining Stars Gala

^ Mount Prospect Celebration

Saturday | February 1 | 6:00 pm

THE COTILLION BANQUETS

360 South Creekside Drive in Palatine

Join the celebration of individuals and organizations that help make our community a great place to live and work. Enjoy dinner and open bar while dancing the night away to Orchestra 33. Tickets are \$65 per person before January 20 and \$75 per person after January 20.



Health Screenings

Mondays from 9 – 11am

VILLAGE HALL FARLEY COMMUNITY ROOM

50 South Emerson Street

The Village Nurse welcomes patients for free blood pressure checks, \$1 diabetic screening and \$4 total cholesterol blood tests every Monday morning.



Coffee with Council

Meet informally with the Village Board of Trustees and Department Directors about anything concerning Mount Prospect. Coffee with Council is held on the second Saturday of every month (unless there is a conflict with a holiday) from 9 to 11 am at Village Hall, 50 South Emerson Street.

For more information, please call the Village Manager's Office at 847.392.6000 or visit mountprospect.org.



January 2020



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center Blood Drive, 3-7pm Walk-ins welcome, VH	3 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	4 MPPD Summer Job Fair 11am-1pm, RECPLEX
5	6 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH	7 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center Understanding Human Trafficking, 11am-Noon VH	8 Garden Club of MP Color by the Month, 11:30am Friendship Park Conservatory Dynamic Year Luncheon 11:30am-1pm Victoria In The Park 1700 Elmhurst Road	9 Conversations in English 5:30-7pm Community Connections Center	10 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	11 Coffee with Council, 9am-11:30am, VH Farley Community Room
12 Second Sunday at the Society: Friedrichs House and meet the Friedrichs 11:30am-1:30pm 101/103 S. Maple Street MPHist	13 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH	14 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center Shakespeare Project of Chicago, <i>Richard III</i> 7pm, MPPL	15	16 Conversations in English 11:30am-1pm Community Connections Center	17 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	18 Friends of the Library Winter Book Sale, 9am-4pm MPPL
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26	27 Health Screenings 9-11am, VH	28 Play and Learn, 11:30am Community Connections Center Preschool/Child Care Information Night 7:30-9pm, MPPL	29	30	31 Ageless Grace, 1:30pm, VH	



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 Environmental Health847.870.5668
 Planning Division.....847.818.5328
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Human Services.....847.870.5680
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